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OH! ye *Mighty men* who ſit upon the *THRONE*, that are *Exalted* into power, and brought into great *Authority*. Do you indeed know the *Hand* that brought you up thither? And do you rightly underſtand the End of your coming into *power* again? and do you certainly know the *Work* which God requires *at your hands?* And do you indeed ſee the true *Leader*, which is *to Lead* in the *Way & Work* of the Lord? And do you *Feel* and *Witneſs* that your *Hearts* are truly Enclined and Prepared towards the *Work* of the Lord? Or *are you not Ignorant* of theſe Things? And do you not rather feel your *Hearts* enclined towards *REVENG*, and to make your ſelves *Great*; and to get your ſelves a *Name*, and to follow that which is pleaſing to your own *Eyes*, and to *Condemn* that which God hath *Juſtified*, and to *Juſtifie* that which God hath *Condemned*, and doth *Condemn?*

Let there be an *honeſt ſearch* made with the *Witneſs of God* in your own hearts, which will ſhew you the thoughts, and the intents thereof; and think not to flatter your ſelves, as other have done before you, by conceiving that you are ſafe enough, becauſe the *Arme of Fleſh* is with you, and at your Command: For *verily, verily, Thus ſaith the LORD GOD, I will yet make the Powers of the Earth to know, that I am GOD, and there is no other; and that I can do whatſoever I pleaſe, and my Purpoſe and Decree ſhall ſtand unalterable; and I will bring to paſs, the thing that is in my Heart, and none ſhall let it; for in its ſeaſon it ſhall be accompliſhed.*

Oh! *Hear* ye *REBELLIOUS* and *live*; Be not ſo *ſtiff-necked* and *wilfull*, like thoſe that went before you (*who would not hear Reproof*) *leaſt I make you a hiſſing, and ſcatter you with more diſhonor than any, that went before you; for my anger is kindled, and my Jealouſie is waxed hot againſt the Man of Sin. My* Decree *is to Diſ-throne him, and to take*

the Kingdom *my ſelf, and to ſlay his* Subjects *that will not turn at my Reproof, and be ſubject to my Government,* Therefore ſeek not your ſelves, neither follow the Devices and Iniquity of your own *hearts* any longer, for I the Lord am coming *to plead with all Fleſh,* and I will make mine *Enemies know* that I have *Power* to accompliſh my own Work, though I ſhould find all the *Armed Men,* and the *Men in Authority* againſt me.

Now this is my *DECREE; I will ſet up Righteouſneſſe in the Earth, and I will eſtabliſh Equity and Mercy amongſt the people; I will remove Oppreſſion from off the Earth, and I will Search out, and Overthrow the Ground and Foundation thereof, in* whomſoever, *or in* whatſoever *it ſtands; even, as I overthrew* Sodom *in the dayes of old; and they that* will not haſt out of it, ſhall certainly be deſtroyed, *ſaith the Holy One,* who will break the *Potſherds* of the Earth that withſtand him, and *Conſume the* Stubble, *the* Thorns *and the* Bryers *that ſet themſelves in Battail againſt him, who is a Conſuming Fire.*

Therefore, *Oh ye HEADS of the People! Conſider* your Wayes, and *weigh* your Actions in that equal ballance (*the Word of God*) which will ſhew you the thoughts and the intents of your hearts: *For verily,* the Lord God is *highly diſpleaſed,* and your hearts are ſeen not to be right before him, Therefore conſider your *foundation* upon which you *build,* leaſt your *building fall* with great diſhonour and loſs, when the *Storme* comes, *which ſhall come to try it.*

Mark. Were *You,* or your *Fathers* and *Friends* able to keep your ſelves in Power, when the Lord formerly appeared againſt you, to caſt You out before your Enemies, becauſe of your *Rebellion* againſt him? Or were your *Enemies* able to keep you *out of power,* and themſelves *in,* when the Lord appeared againſt them to Split and Confound them, and to turn their *day into darkneſſe,* and to bring you in as a Flood over them, becauſe of their *treacherous dealing* with the Lord, and becauſe they perverted the *CAUSE* and *Power* that was put into their hands, ſerving

ſerving *themſelves* and their *luſts*, and not *the Lord*? Verily, as they were not able to ſtand, no more will you be able *to ſtand* and keep your places (*except you Repent*) and own that your Enemies had *a juſt Cauſe* put into their hands againſt you: And ſo, put a diffe ence betwixt the *CAUSE*, and *That* which perverted it, and not judge and condemn *both* together; for if you do, verily I ſay unto you, *when you have filled up your meaſures, You will aſſuredly fall without recovery*, though you were *ten thouſand times ſtronger* than you are, and although not one man appeared againſt you with a Carnall weapon.

Conſider. Was it a *carnall weapon that brought you in?* Were you not brought in *without a ſtroke outward?* And is not the Lord the ſame? Is his Hand *ſhortned?* hath not he the hearts of all Fleſh *in his Power?* And can he not turn them *as he pleaſeth?* Can he not *Root out*, and *Overthrow* whomſoever *he will?* And if he will do it without outward means, *Can any reſiſt his Will?* Or if he will do it by outward means, *Cannot he provide it himſelf, contrary to Mans expectation?* Therefore, *DREAD ye the MAJESTY and POWER of the LORD, and fear before his Dreadful Name.*

Friends, I muſt deal *plainly* with you in the ſight of God, who hath made me a *Prophet* to the *Nation*, I may not *flatter* any of you: My life is in the hand of *my Maker*, and not one hair of my Head can fall to the ground without his Providence. *He hath Redeemed my Soul from Hell*, and my *Mind from the Earth*; *and he hath given me his good Spirit to lead me: I am henceforth no more my own, but I am the Lords, who hath Formed me for his Praiſe, and hath brought me forth, that I may ſound forth his powerful Truth amongſt the People.* Therefore muſt I not *fear Man*, neither muſt I be afraid of *the Sons of Men.*

Verily, your *Spirits* are ſeen to be *too high* for the *Work*, which God will have to be wrought in the Earth; and you are found in that your ſelves, which the Lord will *work againſt.* And he is loaded with the pride and exceſs that ye (*and*

many in the Nation) are in; and his *ſoul Abhors the Vanitie, Muſick*, and *Pleaſures* which ye delight in.

Oh how hath *iniquity abounded* ſince ye came into place! and how is *Oppreſſion*, and *Cruelty*, increaſed and continued, upon them that ſeek the good of all! Now, conſider this, That which the Lord was wroth with you for, and threw you, and your friends out for before, he will not own That now, nor that you ſhould *revive*, and eſtabliſh That again: For the Lords *Controverſy* is yet againſt thoſe things, (*though he hath thrown out a treacherous people, who perverted his Cauſe*:) Therefore, *try* your *FOUNDATION*, before you build and ſettle; for verily, whatſoever is not founded upon *CHRIST JESUS, the Rock of Ages*, (whether it be in things *Religious*, or in things *Civil*) the *higher* it is built, the *greater* will its *fall be*; and *every ones work muſt be tryed by fire*, what *Foundation* ſoever they build upon, and great will be the Deſtruction and Conſumation; *for nothing but what can abide the fire ſhall remain*: And Verily, there is exceeding much, both in *Governors*, & *Governments, Laws, Miniſtry, Profeſſion, Trades*, & in the Conſtitution of them, as they now ſtand (*and in the Converſations of the people*) which is to be utterly deſtroyed by the fire of the Lords Jealouſie, and *the Day haſtens which will try every mans work of what ſort it is*; and that which is for the fire, neither *high words*, nor *outward ſtrength* ſhall be able to ſave it.

Oh! The Spirit of the Lord is *grieved*, and *preſſed*, with the *Iniquities* and *whoredoms* of this Generation. Oh! the *Waſte*, and the *Spoyle*, that is made of the Lords Creatures, exceſs in *Apparel*, exceſs in *Diet*, and deceitful *Feaſtings*, and *Banquetings*; and each ſtriving to exceed one another, not ſcarce knowing what to invent, to *eat* and to *drink*, or *to put on*; or what *Muſick*, or *Images* and *Vanities* to invent to pleaſe the *Carnal Eye* and *Eare*; and in the mean time, your *own fleſh*, or them of the ſame *blood, lye, go, ſit*, or *ſtand* in your ſtreets, *crying for a peice of bread*; and many of your

Lame,

Lame, and *Blind*, and *Sick*, and others, both in *Priſons* and other places are ready to *Famiſh*.

Oh! Conſider theſe things ſpeedily, and *mock not* at the Lords *Meſſengers*, (*as ſome before you, have done, when they have been warned, as you now are*) leſt your bonds be made ſtrong alſo, and leaſt the Lord ſmite you with a *Curſe*, and ſend you *Famine* or Want in the room of your *abundance* and *Superfluite*; and *Raggs* inſtead of *Ribbons*, *Feathers*, *Gold*, and *Silver Lace*, and *Gorgious attire*; and *houling* and *mourning* inſtead of your *Muſick*, *Songs* and *Oaths*.

Oh! Its hard to utter the abomination that *flowes* and *ſwels* in this Nation; it is a ſhame to the *Rulers*, to ſuffer theſe *Stage-playes*, *Mountebanks*, and *vain Sports* and *Shewes*, whereby the Lord is greatly *diſhonoured*, and fooliſh people are cheated of their money, and the Creation is devoured and waſted, and *Mens lives* ſometimes endangered.

Oh! How have men invented miſcheif, and vanitie, to ſtir up lightneſſe and vanitie one in another. Oh ye *Rulers*! is not this a horrible wickedneſs, that a man who hath his right *natural ſenſes*, ſhould be ſuffered to fain himſelf to be a *Natural Fool*? and that he ſhould be ſuffered to ſpeak any light vain words he pleaſeth, even what he can invent, to ſtir up lightneſs, and vain laughter amongſt you? Have you not manifeſted your ſelves to be ſlighters of the *Apoſtles Doctrine*? (read, *Eph.* 4. 29. & 5. 4.)

* This *Abomination* have I beheld ſeveral times out of my Priſon window.

* And is this an honor for the *Chief* of you, to have a company of Men and Boys, dreſt up with *Ribbons* and *Bells* about their legs, and one acting like *a Fool* with a *Ladle* in his hand, *Dancing* before you, even like a company of mad diſtracted men, making a noiſe like a company of *Carriers Horſes*?

Oh! the Life of God is grieved *with theſe things*, and all that fear his Name loaths them, and it is a ſhame *that ever ſuch things* ſhould be ſuffered in a Land.

Therefore, O ye *Rulers*, *let all this ungodlineſſe, and ſuperfluity of nautineſſe be laid aſide, and receive with meek-*

neſſe

the Implanted Word which is able to save your Souls, Jam. 1. 21. will teach you to love, even your Enemies, and to forgive them; and it will make a difference between the pretious and the vile: And it will keep your hands from *blood*, or your *hearts* from *desiring after it*, if you will obey it. And it will shew you with what *Gods Controversy* is, both in your *Government* and *Worship*, and *Conversations*; and it will teach you to deny it. Yea if you will own its Teachings, *it will teach you to deny all ungodliness, and worldly Lusts; and to live Godly, Righteously, and Soberly in this present world*, Titus 2. 11. 12. But if you will not return to *the word, which is nigh in your mouths; and in your hearts that you may obey it, and do it*, (Deut. 30. 14. Rom. 10. 8.) verily this know, that neither your *Strength* nor *Wisdom*, shall be able to deliver you, from the Just hand of the Lord, which shall find out all his Enemies.

Therefore, if you would escape the *overturning hand* of the Lord, *Repent speedily*, and *humble your selves before the Lord*, and *forgive* your enemies; *Love mercy, Compel* none to your *Worship*, nor to uphold your *Teachers*, and be willing that the Lord alone should send forth *Labourers* into his harvest, and that he may lead them by his *own Spirit*, that they may speak as that gives them utterance, and limit or quench it not, but let all have their *Freedom* to worship God in the Spirit, (*who know it*) *according to the manifestation of it, which is given to every man to profit withal*, (John 4. 23. 24. 1 Cor. 12. 7.) for such a Worship the Lord owns.

And take away that greivous *oppression of TITHES*, and *forced maintenance*, which hath cost some their *lives*, and many a *great part* of their *estates*, who for *CONSCIENCE SAKE* have been made to witnesse against it. *Undoe every HEAVY BURTHEN, and break every YOAK, and let the oppressed go free; And let CHRIST JESUS, the everlasting KING, have the preheminence in all things*, Colos. 1. 18. for these things the Lord will have to be accomplished and brought to pass, And if you *will not submit* to him in this his work, *he must and will remove you.*

And this further consider, Oh! take heed that none of you, upon your *Beds*, or *elsewhere*, devise *Cruelty* and *Oppression*, and how *to Avenge* your selves upon *your Enemies*, and then, when you are assembled together, confirm it *by a Law*, because you have power so to do; for the Lord abhors *that*, who is appearing to give to every man according to the fruit of their doing, and he will not respect any mans person.

Now if by your Strength you can hinder the *Sun from rising and setting* in its season, and if you be able *to stop* the *Thunder & Lightening* from having its operation, or to hinder *the Winde* from Blowing, and *the Raine* from Descending, then may you *Hinder* the *DECREE* of the Lord, and by your *Strength* you may stand in Power and Peace, and Flourish *for a long Season*, though you serve and Avenge your selves to the full, & though you rebell against the Lord, and oppress his Heritage.

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